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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dave Gries

FROM: [redacted] STAT

SUBJECT: While You Were Away...

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1. Rep. Stokes returned your call from Ohio. I told him that you were accompanying a CODEL but simply wanted to congratulate him on his re-election and to say you looked forward to working with him and the Committee next session. He expressed his appreciation and said he was relieved that we weren't calling to give him any explosive or bad news. He also said that he recently had occasion in Ohio to speak to Billy Gries, who claimed to be your relative.

2. I noticed on Gates' calendar today that he had an appointment with former Governor Chuck Robb at Robb's law office downtown. George Lauder was down to accompany him. When George dropped in to shoot the breeze, I asked him about it. He said that Robb is about to take a trip to the Soviet Union where he is scheduled to meet with some of the Kremlin leadership. Robb's "foreign policy advisor," who is related to George, called him to say that Robb would appreciate a defensive briefing before he goes. George said that after talking to the Director it was decided that Gates ought to handle it.

3. [redacted] who works for [redacted] came by to report STAT
that he accompanied the DCI to PFIAB yesterday to give a briefing on Soviet active measures against SDI. On the way back, Casey tasked him to prepare a paper on the subject along with recommendations on who else should be told about it. [redacted] STAT
asked for my informal views on the feasibility and wisdom of recommending a presentation for our oversight committees early next year. I told him that both committees are very interested in the subject of Soviet active measures and that I thought that they would welcome such a briefing.

4. Sen. Glenn called and said he received word that the DCI wanted to reach him. I told him (truthfully) that the DCI had just left for a trip out of town but wanted to convey his congratulations on the Senator's re-election and to say that he looked forward to working with him in the next session. Glenn was very cordial and said to tell the Director that he would be talking to him soon. I asked Gates later if he wanted to field any such direct calls from members in the next few days; he demurred and told me to continue to handle them.

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5. [redacted] from the Comptroller's office called to report on a meeting that was just held on the Hill with Sullivan and Swoboda of SAC Defense Subcommittee to listen to their complaints about the [redacted] Their complaints were predictable: we sent the request down at the last minute, and the Reston expenditure involved no urgent requirement. [redacted] said there was nothing really resolved at the meeting but that Childs would follow up. STAT STAT STAT

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1. There have been a number of developments on the McFarlane/Iran front yesterday and today. Poindexter talked to Dole and Hamilton yesterday and will speak to Durenberger and Byrd today. I will brief you in further detail about this.

2. George Lauder has gotten himself in the middle of the dispute between Readers Digest and Senator Leahy over an Evans/Novak piece in this month's Digest on leaks which recounted the controversy over Leahy's public statements on the Achille Lauro hijacking. According to George, Leahy is furious at Casey and believes the DCI gave the account to Evans in order to hurt Leahy's re-election bid. At George's request, I had [redacted] give him the Casey/Leahy correspondence on this subject from last winter. STAT

3. With respect to the upcoming Cohen/Hollings/Exon CODEL to the Far East, [redacted] today that Cohen is probably going to insist that Exon be included in all the briefings overseas that Cohen and Hollings get on intelligence matters. [redacted] has alerted the DO but anticipates this could pose a problem, especially in China. However, schedules, etc., for the trip are still in flux, so we will have time to sort this out next week. STAT STAT

4. Did the weekly report.

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